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VILLAGE LAND

By Reason of a Bequest in 1730 Inhabitants Are Now Exempt From Taxation.

HELD IN TRUST FOR A CENTURY.

Portion of Original Land Leased and Provides an Income That Is Devoted to the Village.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. Red Bud, Ill., March 2.-The village of Prairie du Rocher, Ill., has a fund that is unique. This little town, which is located in Randolph County a few miles southwest of Red Bud, and not far from the Mississippi River, was founded in 1722.

What were known as the "common fields" of Prairie du Rocher were granted to the Village in 1739 by Jean Bapt'ste St. Therese, a nephew of Governor Bolbrant, then the supreme power of the Territory of Louisi-

The early French settlers held the possession of their lands in common. A tract of land was fixed upon a common field, in which all the inhabitants were interested. To each villaser was assigned a portion, the size depending upon the number of his family. Fixed times were assigned for plow-ing, sowing, harvesting and other agricul-tural occupations.

The land was usually granted to each villager in long, narrow strips, partly, it is said, from an old custom in France, and perhaps to insure more efficient protection against the Indians and other fors while engaged in the arduous work of tilling the land. A fence surrounded the whole inclos-ure, but the individual lots were not di-

wided from each other.

Besides the "common field," another tract of land was set apart as commons. All the of land was set apart as commons. At the villasers had free access to this place as a pasture for their stock. From this they also drew their supply of fuel. In 1853 a portion of the land was leased for ninety-nine years, and a part of it was

for ninety-nine years, and a part of it was sold. Several thousand dollars were realized from these transactions, and the fund is now controlled by a special committee of villagers. The money was loaned for a long term to the farmers of Randolph County at interest payable annually.

From this source the village derives so much money that the 600 inhabitants are almost wholly exempt from taxation, all because of an idea more than 170 years old, of sharing things in common.

Another reminder of old times in Illinois at Prairie du Rocher is the Menard Hotel, conducted by Mrs. E. Menard, whose husband was a descendant of the famous Pierre Menard, a native of Quebec, who settled in Illinois and Indiana, and he was the first Lieutenant Governor of the State under Shaorach Bond.

Bond County, Illinois, was named for County, Renad Menaed County immediates.

Shaorach Bond.

Bond County, Illinois, was named for Governor Bond. Menard County, immediately north of Springfield, was named for Pietre Menard. Menard street in South St. Louis was named for this illustrious pioneer, and a post office in Randolph County, Illinois, beart by name

Of the millions of dollars which have re-cently been given to colleges and universi-ties as endowments, not one dollar is of advantage to the young man or woman who cannot go to school. The Home School, which sends lessons by mail, is the only institution which can meet this demand. See announcement in to-day's issue.

COLLEGE IN NEED OF HELP.

Women's Dormitory at Parkville, Mo., Destroyed.

The Reverend Doctor C. B. McAfee of Park College, Parkville, Mo., has announced to friends of the institution that immediate assistance is greatly needed as the result of the fire which destroyed the young women's dormitory there last week. The students escaped with what clothing they wore, but nothing else.

Donations of clothing or material for making clothes, materials for bedding and cash contributions will be greatly appreciated. They should be sent to Doctor McAfee at Parkville, or in care of No. 4045 Washington boulevard, St. Louis.

Barr's is bright and attractive with new spring goods that are arriving daily. Many novelties that it will be impossible to du-plicate this season are among them. Those who study effect will like to make early

MARRIED.

ECKER-VREELAND—On Thursday, February 28, 1861, at No. 5571 Cote Brilliante avenue, by the Reverend Josephus Staphan, Miss Sue Vree-land of Jefferson County to Mr. Henry Becker of St. Louia. Will live at No. 6724 South Eighth street.

DEATHS.

BENT-On Saturday, March 2 1901, at 12:55 and Johanna Bent (nee Oberlohmann), our deamother, grandmother and mother-in-law, age 72 years.
Funeral Monday, March 4, at 1:30 p. m., from residence of her son-in-law, E. H. Thieman, No. 4210 Descoto avenue. Friends invited to attend.

BURGESS-At 4 a. m., on Thursday, February 28, 1991, at 8t; John's Hospital, William Burgess, Funeral Sunday, March 3, at 2 p. m., from family residence, 4839 Arsenal street. Interment in Calvary Cemetery, Friends invited.

Deceased was a member of Frank P. Blair Post, G. A. R. Cairo, Ill., papers please copy. .

EICHHCRN-On Friday, March 1, 1901, at 1 p. m., Joseph J., beloved non of John and Bertha and II days.

Fujeral will take place from family residence, No. 6827 Michigan avenue, on Sunday, March 2. No. 5827 Michigan avenue, on Sunday, March 3, at 2 p. re., to Mount Olive Cemetery. Friends in-

FISCHER—On Friday, March 1, 1801, at 19:19 a. m., after a lingering iliness, Friedrich Fischer, aged 76 years and 5 months. Funeral will take place on Tuesday, March 5. Funeral will take place on Tuesday, March 5, at 9 a. m., from residence, No. 2569 North Eleventh street, to Holy Trinity Church, thence to Chivary Cemetery. livary Cemetery. Relatives and friends are invited to attend.

HILGER-On Thursday, February 28, 1901, at 4:59 p. m., my beloved husband and our dear grandfather, great-grandfather and father-in-law, John J. Hilger, aged 78 years.
Funeral from the late residence, No. 3:02 Cook avenue, on Monday at 9 o'clock a. m., to St. Alphotsus's Church, thence to the Calvary Cemetery, Relatives and friends invited.

HURLEY-On Saturday, Murch 2 1901, at 4:45 p. m., after a short illness, at the age of 2 years and 5 months, Henry C. Hurley, beloved child of Thomas Hurley and Mrs. Nellie Hurley (nec Downey).

Funeral takes place from late residence, No. 2508 South Tenth street, Monday, March 4, at 1 p. m., thence to Chivary Cemetery. Friends and relatives are invited to attend.

PIPKIN-On Monday, February 25, 1901, at 2:27
L. m., at Newtonia, Newton County, Mo.,
rine Pipkin (nee Parke), aged 62 years,
Anterment Tuesday, February 26, in Newtonia

was formerly a resident of St. Louis

RODGERS-Thursday, February 28, at the resence of her sun, No. 1886 Magde Avenue om accidental burns, Eliza McKee Redgere, Burial at Louisville, Ky.

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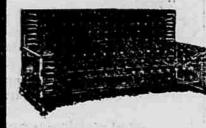
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DUKE OF MANCHESTER'S RETURN IS BEING ANXIOUSLY AWAITED.

Expectation Is That His Rich Father-in-Law Will Promptly Pay the Young Man's Bills.

SPECIAL BY CABLE London, March 2 .- (Copyright, 1901, by the New York Herald Company.)-Considerable satisfaction is expressed in other than legal circles over the early return of the Duke of Manchester and his American Duchess,

as she is known. The Duchess's father, Mr. Zimmerman, accompanies the couple. The satisfaction is all the greater, owing to the prospect of the Duke's financial affairs being finally cleared up. While the amount is by no means desperate, some

doubt is felt that when the American business man settles to make a clean slate he will be able to do so without undue publicity.

Manchester, is hopeful that the young American Duchess will be able to induce her husband to take that place in public life for which he possesses undoubted

Before the wedding, the King, as Prince of Wales was known to have taken a deep interest in the young Duke, which is likely claims being certain to be opposed, no to be useful in shaping his future career.

ARE DISAPPOINTED IN THE STEEL TRUST.

Wall Street Traders Think There Will Be No Dividends for a Long While.

REPUBLIC SPECIAL. New York, March 2.-Uncertainty as to the bank statement gave a rather dull tone to trading in naturday's market, but when the figures pr ved unexpectedly good there was a fairly strong close in most depart-

Baltimore and Olfo advanced on the purchase of Cleveland, Loraine and Wheeling, There seemed a better tone in the steel stocks, and a disposition on the part of insiders to get back stock. Railroads were generally firm, although

the trading was a little professional. The market seemed to lack nothing, but public The week has seen the consummation of wear.

the great steel deal and the birth of the At first black was almost universally "Big Four" to Cincinnatic Finest service. United States Steel Company. Upon the adopted, but when it was seen that a few track and equipment.

whole, the terms of the deal have been a disappointment and have affected Wall street more or less unfavorably.

It was hoped that the consolidation would be an excellent opportunity to squeeze superfluous water out of a lot of squeeze superfluous water out of a lot of industrials already sufficiently heavily watered, and when it was found that instead of doing this, the new combination added upwards of \$200,000,000 of water, there was a general rush to unload stock.

There is, of course, no doubt that so large a consolidation will result in important savings, but it is questionable if anything in the way of dividend is likely to be declared on the new common stock for a very long time to come.

There is already a marked failing off in the demand for manufactured steel, and every production must necessarily have the effect of producing a corresponding depression. It is noticeable that the Carnegle people and the Moore companies have had very much the best of the deal, and, indeed, it seems that Mr. Morgan has sacrified the companies be controls for the sake of securing support of those he does not

QUESTION OF BLACK OR WHITE TIES FOR MEN. SPECIAL BY CABLE.

London, March 2 .- (Copyright, 1901, New York Herald Company.)-One curious result of the universal mourning has been a discussion among men whether a black or a white necktie is proper for evening

AMUSEMENTS.

CONTINUOUS VAUDEVILLE. Beginning To-Morrow Matines, Monday, March 4.

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leaders adhered to the white, the black quickly disappeared.

One of the latest to fall in line was Mr. Wyndham, the actor. His conversion was the subject of a quiet little joke.

At a dinner party where he was a guest he appeared with a broad black ribbon under his chin and a stud like a patch of court plaster in the middle of his expanse of white shirt front. In the course of the dinner a lady a few seats away remarked in a semi-whisper, loud enough to be heard over the table:

"Has Mr. Wyndham lost any other dear friend besides the Queen?"

The dismal necktic made its farewell appearance at that dinner.

CHARGED WITH ROBBERY.

Two Men Arrested Suspected of Holding Up Fred Fishlowitz.

James Reynolds, 21 years old, residing at . 4252 DeSoto avenue, and Sam Green, years old, of No. 1309 St. Louis avenue. vere arrested last night by officers of the Fourth Police District on a charge of

highway robbery.

Fred Fishlowitz of No. 1223 Carr street complained that three men held him up late Wednesday night at Fourteenth and Biddle streets, and took his overcoat and a small amount of money. He called at the Carr street station yesterday morning and iden-tified Reynolds and Green as two of the three men whom he charges with his rob-bery. He will apply for warrants Monday. The prisoners refuse to discuss the charge

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